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SUBJECT: UK TAKES NO POSITION ON CND VOTE ON DRONABINOL

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[1](#)1. The UK intends to go into the Commission on Narcotic Drugs meetings in March with no set position on deferring the vote on dronabinol. Gabriel Denvir, in the Home Office's Drugs Legislation Section, the lead office in the UK for the CND, responded to LabCouns presentation of ref (A) points by saying dronabinol was not a problem in the UK, and they were therefore not inclined to take a strong position. They would be open to arguments by other delegations and vote accordingly.

[1](#)2. LabCouns pushed back, both with Denvir, and later with

FCO head of Drugs and International Crime Department Lesley Pallett, arguing that the CND's 53 member states needed to look beyond their domestic situation and consider the needs of the international community, including all the states not represented on the CND. Denvir and Pallett were unwilling to move from their initial position, however. Pallett noted that the UK would look closely at the EU position and would likely support an EU consensus.

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